

Amendments

In the Claims

Please amend the claims added in "Response A" as follows:

cl 28. (Amended) An arrangement according to claim 22, further including a second electrically conductive strip extending from the first excitation electrode to the lateral surface, and the second mounting element having a second electrical contact surface that operably contacts the second electrically conductive strip when the piezoelectric element is clamped between the first and second mounting elements, wherein the first and second electrical contact surfaces are operably connected to means for measuring electrical resistance.

29. (Amended) An arrangement according to claim 22, further including a second electrically conductive strip extending from the first excitation electrode to the lateral surface, and the second mounting element having a second electrical contact surface that operably contacts the second electrically conductive strip when the piezoelectric element is clamped between the first and second mounting elements, wherein the first and second electrical contact surfaces are operably connected to means for production and regulation of current flow.

Please add new claims 40 and 41 as follows:

40. (New) An arrangement according to claim 35, wherein the first and second mounting element each have a structure to mount the piezoelectric resonator.

CJ 41. (New) An arrangement according to claim 40, wherein the structure is a stepped region.